

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 819

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Giles County fifteen-year-old Babe Ruth All-Star baseball team on winning the state championship and placing second in the Southeast Regional Tournament.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary athletes and athletic teams who have achieved excellence in their sporting competition; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County fifteen-year-old Babe Ruth All-Star baseball team won the state championship in 2007 and placed second in the Southeast Regional Tournament, and, through their magnificent exploits, these remarkable young men have brought honor to Tennessee while serving as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, reaching a level of baseball excellence that very few teams achieve, the 2007 All-Star team's success has rightfully become a source of great pride for the Giles County community; and

WHEREAS, after losing their first game in the District Tournament in Marshall County, the team defeated Columbia and Marshall County to earn a showdown against Lawrence County, whom they beat twice to win the District Championship; and

WHEREAS, progressing to the Mid-Area Tournament in Tullahoma, the Giles County team defeated Tullahoma in their first game and then fell to Lafayette in their second game. They then persevered and defeated Tullahoma, Lebanon, and Lafayette and finished second place in the tournament, garnering a berth in the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the State Tournament in Johnson City, this admirable group of young men again evinced its formidable mettle, as it struggled back from the losers' bracket to defeat Heritage, Johnson City, and Newbern in order to earn a place in the championship round, in which they triumphed over Manchester twice to win the state title; and

WHEREAS, this skilled team's success in the State Tournament earned them a spot in the Southeast Regional Tournament in Monroe, South Carolina, where they respectfully represented the State of Tennessee against teams from Georgia, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and South Carolina. Their laudable performance won them second place in the tournament, as they lost by only two runs in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, led by coaches Gregg Foster, Keith Kimbrough, and Tony Wells, these admirable young men are Lake Foster, Blayze Parsons, John Bowen, Ian White, Zach Bailey, John Brewer, Tyler Young, Jacob Wells, Jonathon Kimbrough, Brandon Jett, Jacob Johnson, and Dillon Sands; and

WHEREAS, the support of family members and fans throughout their impressive season has taught the players valuable lessons about life, sportsmanship, and fair play; and

WHEREAS, these young men have displayed character, teamwork, and perseverance and, with the help of their coaches, parents, and supporters, have represented themselves and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless ability both on and off the baseball diamond; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and commend the 2007 Giles County fifteen-year-old Babe Ruth All-Stars for their remarkable season that led to their capture of the state championship and second place in the Southeast Regional Tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.